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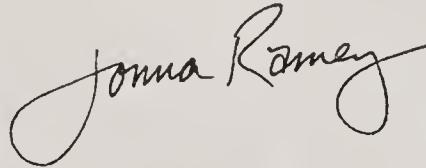
Greetings Friends & Neighbors! Bienvenidos! Mabuhay! Bon Giorni! 你好

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March, 1999

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I get this little quarterly magazine from my insurance agent. Usually it hits the recycling bag next to my mailbox in the garage. But this last cover article caught my eye: "Urban Residents Sparking Action to Create Great Neighborhoods." "Hmmm. Gotta read this," I thought. Very interesting article. (If you'd like a copy, come to the March 9th meeting and I'll have copies there.) Primarily, the article discussed a common sense approach to reinventing stagnant neighborhood areas into what are called "community places." It's a method that involves the people living in an area to redesign public places to increase the sociability of that area, its uses and activities, its access and linkage and its comfort and image. While it is true that to a large extent that St. Mary's Park is an island, it is bordered by two significant public areas that can definitely use revitalization. The most obvious place is the Park, and to an extent, we are working on that. But the other significant public area that touches us is the Mission Street corridor from Turnbull to Richland. This is an area of the City that could surely benefit from imaginative revitalization. So, I'm putting it out there. Are there folks here in the neighborhood interested in working with other neighbors, merchants and city officials to turn our part of Mission Street into a healthy community place that better meets our needs? Think about it. Drop me a note, give me a call or send me an email.



March 9th Club Meeting Agenda

Two topics are on tap for the March Club meeting. Francisco Cerdá from the House of Color will talk about painting the interior of your home. He'll offer tips, talk about paints and answer your questions. And, Officer John Mulkern, the day traffic officer from the Ingleside Station will talk about traffic violations. Come and talk with him about traffic problems here in the Park. (No parking issues, please.) Great refreshments will be served, and there's a free raffle.



A Salute to Some Outstanding Volunteers by Danna Peterson

With people working nearly 20% more hours than they did two decades ago, it's easy to understand why so many of us feel strapped for time. And yet, some people always manage to find time to volunteer. Three such individuals live right here in St. Mary's Park and go out of their way to make our neighborhood a special place to live. A heartfelt round of applause goes to Marlo Contreras, Mary Ramirez and Helen Lopez who all live at 40 Justin. All have been active members of the St. Mary's Park Improvement Club for the past several years.

Mary Ramirez is in her second year as SMPIC secretary. She has also helped out many elderly neighbors with transportation and other needs. And, when we've needed a last minute dessert for a Club meeting, it's been Mary who volunteered to whip up one of her delicious nut breads.

Volunteerism must run in the family because Helen Lopez, Mary's sister, has volunteered to be in charge of watering the flag pole island and has helped with the Fall picnic for several years in a row. In fact, Helen and Marlo have taken it upon themselves to organize and manage all the kids games at the annual Fall picnic, including furnishing most of the toys and prizes!

Marlo Contreras has served as Sargent at Arms for the Club, is a Block Captain in our neighborhood SAFE watch program and heads the SMPIC Lend-A-Hand Committee. Recently, when an elderly neighbor called President Ramey and asked if there was anyone who could trim some bushes in her yard, it was Marlo who volunteered to see that the job got done.

These three women are an inspiration to us all and we thank them for giving so generously of their time and energy. If you'd like to experience the reward of volunteering, give President Ramey a call or get in touch with Marlo. I'm sure she can put you to work on the Lend-A-Hand Committee. Marlo can be reached at 587-7759.

Easter Egg Hunt Committee To Meet

Like kids? Like candy? Like bunnies? Have we got a committee for you! Come join the Easter Egg Hunt committee on Thursday, March 11th at 7 in the evening to plan this year's Easter Egg Hunt. It's a lot of fun and very easy to do. The meeting will take place at 21 Agnon Avenue. New ideas are definitely welcome. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 3rd at 10 AM. Mark your calendars!



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MEETINGS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM • ST. MARY'S PARK RECREATION CENTER

Upcoming Club Events

3/9, 7:30 PM:

Club meeting, Rec. Center auditorium

3/11, 7 PM:

Easter Egg Hunt Committee meeting, 21 Agnon Ave.

4/3, 10 AM:

Easter Egg Hunt, St. Mary's Park grassy field

4/13, 7:30 PM:

Club meeting, Rec. Center auditorium

5/1, 9 AM:

Pre-Mother's Day neighborhood clean-up

5/11, 7:30 PM:

Club potluck dinner. Theme:

Late May-Early June:

International foods from your heritage

Neighborhood wide garage sale

Curb Your Dogs Please

Benton Island has been plagued by a dog or two with inconsiderate owners. If you take your dog onto any of the neighborhood islands, please remember to take baggies and "scoop the poop." The islands are for everyone to enjoy, so please act responsibly. Likewise, please ask your kids and keep your animals out of the Benton island flowerbeds. Bouncing balls and running feet are very hard on the plants and smaller trees. Thanks neighbors!



Large Double Pane Window Available

After some remodeling, we have found ourselves with a nice Marvin, picture window that we can't use. The window is wood on the inside and white vinyl clad on the outside. It is approximately 7 1/2 feet wide by 4 feet high. The center glass is 4'x4' stationary with 2'x2' wing windows on either side that open. The window is three years old, excellent condition. Paid \$1100. Asking \$300. Interested? Call Danna or Jonna at 285-7425.

Crime Report

The only major crime reported in St. Mary's Park during February was the theft of a truck on Justin. As always, if you see a crime in progress immediately call 911.

Ingleside Police Station has joined cyberspace. You can learn about district crime and other relevant community information by surfing their website. The address is www.SwiftSite.com/Ingleside-Station

Neighborly Needs

Lisa Spivey at 58 Genebern is looking for some neighborhood assistance. She needs to find someone available for babysitting. Also, she'd like to hire a young neighbor who can help her with yard work and small odd jobs. If you're interested in either service or have an idea of someone who can, drop a note in Lisa's mailbox.

Jacob Wolfe lives at 245 Justin. He loves his house and has noticed that there are quite a few history buffs in the neighborhood. He wants to put together a history or genealogy of his house. Do you remember any of the past owners of his home? Do you have any old photos of them? Any great stories to tell? Please give Jacob a call at 821-1260.

And, since Spring is just around the corner, do you have recommendations for contractors and trades-people that you'd like to share with your neighbors? A plumber, a handyman, a roofer, etc? Jot them down and drop the note in Pam Waterstone's mailbox at 40 Genebern. We'll publish a list in the April Park Bell.

1999 St. Mary's Park Improvement Club Executive Board

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 1999
Submitted by Mary Ramirez, Secretary

The Minutes of January 12, 1999 were approved as published in the newsletter. Officers present at this meeting were President Ramey, Scott Feldman, Danna Peterson, Mary Ramirez and Florence Kolos, Financial Report was presented by Finance Officer Danna Peterson. Balance is \$3,080. 85 households have paid their dues and, our goal is have the 10 households pay their dues as soon as possible. Merrillee Pulido, Sunshine Person reported that we have new neighbors at 65 Genebern and Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson are the parents of a baby girl. Mary Genereal was recently hospitalized. Two police officers reported on several activities in the area. President Ramey reported on the redesign of the park and said we still need input from neighbors, police, and the intern who is helping with the drawings. President Ramey said that sign up sheets for the Easter Egg Hunt, Mother's Day Clean-Up, Garage Sale and Traffic Study Committee are available and encourage all to participate. She said the May Picnic will be a pot luck with a multicultural theme. If you have a topic you want discussed, please see Jonna. The Dog run part is still in process. It was suggested that the Island Committee have a meeting. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by Kate. Raffle prizes were won by Kim, Mr. Hernandez, Ethan, Neil, and Mary.



**SUNSHINE
CORNER**
By Armando Pulido

Welcome...

...to our newest neighbors --Dan, Dede and Charlie--to the world's greatest neighborhood in S.F. Hope to get to know you!

Congratulations...

...to Bob and Jenny, proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. That-a-way to work on the next generation St. Mary's basketball team!

...To Barbara Phipps, grandmother for the second time. What a blessing, a new bundle of joy..

Get Well...

...If you get a chance, please wish Mary Genereal a "get well" soon. Let's go Mary we would like for you to feel better. Hang in there!

Condolences...

...Our prayers go to the Shelly family. We all at the SMPIC extend our sincere sorrow for your loss of Dan. He was a great friend, husband, and father. He will be greatly missed around St. Mary's.

Miscellaneous...

...Just want to say hello to Carlos and Guadalupe Tenorio, thanks for taking care of that lawn up at the top. That goes for all the island helpers from the waterers, cutters, gardeners, even litter picker-uppers. Thanks for making your community a better place.

...Hello to Paul and Edna Broussard. We wish you lots of luck and good health.

Lots of thanks to Marie Guinasso for your help. Everyone needs a bit of sunshine on a rainy day...and you are it.

How's doing Marjorie?, hope everything is ok!

Hope you're feeling better to John Booth. We miss your sweet smile and that wonderful looking tuxedo you wear.

To that special person that is always there when we feel pinned up against the wall. Thanks for also being there. You know who you are.

If you have any news of upcoming birthdays, anniversary's, have a "get well" or if you know any neighbors that are homeward bound or shut-ins, please let us know by calling Armando at 239-4221.

1999 St. Mary's Park Improvement Club Membership Dues Payment Form

Yes, I want to support my neighborhood! Here's my 1999 membership dues.

\$50 Regular \$30 Fixed/Low Income

I'd like to contribute an additional \$_____ to SMPIC.

I want to be an SMPIC volunteer. Please contact me.

Name(s) _____

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Your St. Mary's Park Improvement Club welcomes your ideas and input on how you would like to see your dues improve the club and the neighborhood.

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